

Remarks/Arguments

Applicants acknowledge with thanks the indicated allowability of the subject matter defined by original claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11.

By this Amendment, the specification and claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 have been revised to generally improve the clarity thereof and to overcome the informalities identified by the Examiner at page 2 of the Office Action. Applicants respectfully contend that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. ¶112, second paragraph, has been overcome.

Further, by the Amendment, new claims 13-15 have been added for the Examiner's consideration. Applicants respectfully contend that new claims 13-15 define over the prior art.

Finally, by this Amendment, non-elected claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject matter.

No other issues remaining, early allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachement: Substitute ABSTRACT

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ABSTRACT

Oil which will serve as a lubricating fluid of a fluid dynamic pressure bearing is degassed in a first environment under a first pressure which is lower than atmospheric pressure. First and second members of the bearing are placed in a second environment under a pressure lower than atmospheric pressure and higher than the pressure in the first environment. The degassed oil is supplied to the gap between bearing surfaces of the first and second members while the first and second members are in the second environment under pressure lower than atmospheric pressure and higher than the pressure in the first environment. Subsequently the pressure in the second environment is increased to force the oil into the gap between the bearing surfaces of the first and second members of the hydrodynamic fluid.